

# GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

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**FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...** Summer time is when many libraries come alive with reading programs geared for the youngest patrons. The N.H. Summer Reading theme this year "Camp Wanna Read" and the Kids, Books, and the Arts program sponsored by the N.H. State Library, in collaboration with the N.H. State Council on the Arts, the Byrne Foundation and the Sidore Foundation, work to get young children interested in reading with entertaining performers who make reading part of their message.

I was honored to be invited to Milton Mills on June 25<sup>th</sup> to take part in the kick-off of the very successful summer reading program run by the Nute Middle High School & Library and librarian, Karen Brown. I read *Summer Stinks* by Marty Kelley of New Boston. The audience, of almost three hundred, was treated to a performance by Jody Goulay on the theme of camping and a visit from Fungo the Mascot of the New Hampshire Fishercats baseball team. The Nute Middle High School & Library do an outstanding job making reading fun for kids to keep them interested over the summer months. Summer reading has become one of the most important programs for public libraries in New Hampshire. Ann Hoey, Youth Services Librarian at the State Library, spends a great deal of her time working with librarians from all over the state on summer reading activities. Through her efforts, the State Library has been able to secure funding from a number of organizations and foundations to fund the performers who take part in the Kids, Books, and the Arts programs. This year, Ms. Hoey worked with the new minor league baseball team in Manchester to promote reading among young baseball fans.

Teachers and reading specialists have recognized for some time that it is important to keep students reading over the summer so they do not lose cognitive skills and are ready to start the new school year. Many teachers have to spend the first few months of the school year in reading recovery, which slows down student progress.

According to the American Library Association (ALA), "Numerous studies have shown that summer programs help insure that school children retain reading and learning skills over the summer recess."

The N.H. State Library is pleased to be part of the efforts to help children enjoy reading.

-Michael York, State Librarian

## NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC RADIO

by Mary Jo Alibrio, Grant Writer  
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New Hampshire Public Radio is planning a six-part summer series called "Granite State Stories: Reading into our Region" on the call-in show The Exchange with Laura Knoy. The series will start in late August and showcase six books by New Hampshire authors which explore themes and culture in the Granite State. The project is supported, in part, by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

NHPR would like to give libraries throughout the state an opportunity to participate. Modeled after last year's successful national series "Storylines New England," NHPR's "Granite State Stories" will get people reading and talking about New Hampshire's identity as revealed through its writers. We're asking for your suggestions about ways NHPR can help you to promote this series among your patrons and encourage more active participation if you choose.

Possible patron participation might include book clubs or interested groups gathering at libraries to listen to the shows, and perhaps calling in with questions or comments. The series would also be available on-line and on CDs for use by discussion groups at a later time. Study guides prepared by project humanist David Watters will be available at [www.nhpr.org](http://www.nhpr.org).

The featured books will include: *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, *Coniston* by Winston Churchill, *Dogs of March* by Ernest Hebert, and *History of the White Mountains* by Lucy Crawford. An additional two books will be chosen shortly. In July, NHPR is planning to send pamphlets to libraries with the finalized book list and series dates and times.

NHPR would welcome any of your suggestions or ideas about library participation in this project. You can send your comments to Mike Arnold, Vice President for Programming at [marnold@nhpr.org](mailto:marnold@nhpr.org).

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## N.H. FILM AND TELEVISION OFFICE HAS NEW FILM SPECIALIST

Department of Cultural Resources

Van McLeod, Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Resources is pleased to announce that Matthew Newton of Concord has been hired as Film Specialist to manage the operations of the New Hampshire Film and Television Office. Matthew joined the Film Office on June 10, 2005. Already familiar with the workings of the Film Office, Matthew has been employed by the State of New Hampshire since July 2002, having split his duties between the Film Office and the Division of Travel and Tourism, where the Film Office resided until it was moved to the Department of Cultural Resources in July 2004. He is a graduate of the Film Production program at Keene State College and has worked as a Production Office Coordinator at C.2K Entertainment in Los Angeles, CA and in a variety of capacities on feature film and television projects. The New Hampshire Film and Television Office, as part of the N.H. Department of Cultural Resources, works to expand business activity and employment throughout the state by acting as a liaison between the film industry and the established network of government agencies, the state's film industry workforce, and private residential and business property owners. The office is responsible for location assistance, public relations, literature publication and distribution, and general production support in an effort to broaden the cultural and economic impact of film and television production in the state. For more information about Film and Television Production in New Hampshire, call (603) 271-2220 or visit [www.filmnh.org](http://www.filmnh.org).

## EARLY LITERACY: WHAT CAN LIBRARIES DO?

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Consultant  
NH State Library

Did you know that 35% of children are not ready to learn how to read when they get to school? The Public Library Association (PLA) and the Association of Library Services for Children (ALSC) have responded to this literacy crisis by developing a program called **Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library**. The program targets the parents and caregivers of very young children and offers them ways to develop early literacy skills among children from birth to age five. Librarians can learn how to do workshops for parents and caregivers by using materials and kits developed by PLA and ALSC. The kits can be checked out from the State Library, and more information is available on the PLA website at [www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm](http://www.pla.org/ala/pla/plaissues/earlylit/earlyliteracy.htm). For help with using the kits or developing early literacy programs, please contact Ann Hoey at the State Library at [ahoey@library.state.nh.us](mailto:ahoey@library.state.nh.us) or call (603) 271-2865.

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## NEW TEEN BOOK AWARD

New Hampshire's newest statewide book award is **The Flume: NH Teen Readers' Choice**, sponsored by the New Hampshire Library Association. A committee of school and public librarians chose 13 titles from among the more than 150 books nominated by teens in grades 9-12. Over the next year, teens will read books from the list and then vote for their favorite title during April 2006. The "list of 13" includes fiction and nonfiction works and offers a variety of genres such as fantasy and historical fiction. The selection committee hopes to develop promotional materials for the award during the fall. To obtain a list of **The Flume** nominees, librarians can e-mail Ann Hoey at [ahoey@library.state.nh.us](mailto:ahoey@library.state.nh.us).

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## WORLD WAR II POSTERS ONLINE

by David Carson  
NORAD & USNORTHCOM  
OPSEC Program Manager

"I came across your website while looking for WW2 posters. I am the Operations Security (OPSEC) Manager for the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) and United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM). I was putting together a briefing on OPSEC and needed some posters from WW2. I gave a 45-50 minute presentation to OPSEC and part of the brief talks about the history of OPSEC. I used a few of your posters (Loose Lips Sink Ships) as part of my briefing. Because NORAD is a Bi-National Command I also had the opportunity to brief one of our Canadian Regions. The Canadian poster sure came in handy as I made it part of my presentation while in Winnipeg, Canada. Thank you for making these treasures available online." To learn more about the World War II Posters at the N.H. State Library, check out the website at [www.state.nh.us/ww2/](http://www.state.nh.us/ww2/).

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## N.H. STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Mini Grant: Deadline: Quarterly (see below); Grant amount: \$250-\$1,000

This grant category is a flexible funding opportunity that cuts across program boundaries. Mini-Grants support professional development opportunities and educators; arts projects in schools and under-served communities; traditional arts programs; the presentation of roster artists and New Works grant projects; and arts in education program/curriculum planned efforts.

Mini-Grant Deadlines: **October 3, 2005** for projects beginning on or after January 1, 2006  
**January 2, 2006** for project beginning on or after April 1, 2006

For more information or to discuss eligibility contact Community Arts Coordinator Judy Rigmont at [jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us](mailto:jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us) or call (603) 271-0794. For complete guidelines and application form, visit [www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts).

Peer Mentorship Grant: Deadline: Ongoing; Grant Amount \$500-\$750

The Peer Advisory Network was established to provide short-term, affordable consultancies of up to two days to assist smaller arts agencies in addressing their organizational needs. A partnership with the Vermont Arts Council has enlarged the pool of New Hampshire and Vermont advisors available to share their expertise through the recently formed New Hampshire-Vermont Peer Advisor Network. Peer advisors can work in their home states or across state borders to assist arts organizations in both states. For more information or to discuss eligibility contact Community Arts Coordinator: Judy Rigmont at [jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us](mailto:jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us) or call (603) 271-0794. For complete guidelines and application form, visit [www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts).

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### ARTS IN EDUCATION: THE CREATIVE JOURNEY

*Come for all three days or attend as a day commuter. Early bird deadline: September 15, 2005.*

It's to register for **Arts in Education: The Creative Journey, the N.H. State Council on the Arts' annual conference**, taking place September 30 to October 2, 2005 at the N.H. Institute of Art in Manchester.

New Hampshire Award Winning Children's Author and Illustrator, Tomie dePaola will give an Advocacy for the Arts address. Guest speakers include Eric Booth, actor, educator, and nationally known author of *The Everyday Work of Art*, a meditation on the meaning of art in our daily lives; David Darling, a cellist, recording artist and innovative educator and Dr. Lyonel Tracy, New Hampshire's new Commissioner of Education.

This exciting conference offers a variety of seminars and interdisciplinary workshops taught by artist-educators. Grants writing and fundraising ideas will be shared. Highlights will include "Meet the Artists: Celebrate each Student's Art Work," a gathering with exhibits and opportunities to meet State Council roster artists and learn about model arts education and integrated arts residency projects; an evening showcase of performing artists; and a reception at the Millyard Museum in Manchester. Help create an "Improvisational Circus of the Arts" with Artists-Educators.

For additional conference details visit [www.nh.gov/nharts](http://www.nh.gov/nharts); or contact Catherine O'Brian, Arts in Education Coordinator, N.H. State Council on the Arts at (603) 271-0795, [cobrian@nharts.state.nh.us](mailto:cobrian@nharts.state.nh.us); or Frumie Selchen, Executive Director of the Arts Alliance of Northern N.H., (603) 323-7302, [artsalliancenh@cswh.com](mailto:artsalliancenh@cswh.com).

**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED  
FOR THE ANN GEISEL AWARD UNTIL AUGUST 15**

by Andrea Thorpe, Director  
Richards Free Library, Newport

The Ann Geisel Award of Merit recognizes librarians, libraries, and other individuals and organizations that have contributed to the N. H. Library Association or the New Hampshire library community. Through their efforts as library professionals, providing library services or advocating for library issues, they have improved all New Hampshire libraries.

This award is named in the memory of Ann Geisel (1947-1999). Ann personified "Distinguished service to the New Hampshire library community." In addition to serving for many years as the Director of the Peterborough Town Library, she served the New Hampshire library community through her service as a member of the N.H. Library Association, Nubanusit Library Coop and the N.H. State Library Advisory Council including a term as its Chair. She was also active in regional and national library issues as a member of the Advisory Board of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, the American Library Association and the New England Library Association.

Individuals, institutions, and organizations may be considered for this award. Significant contributions to the New Hampshire library community includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ Recognizing NHLA members for significant achievements or overall career accomplishments;
- ✓ Recognizing New Hampshire libraries for outstanding service to their community;
- ✓ Recognizing individuals and/or organizations who have been extremely supportive of the New Hampshire Library Association or New Hampshire libraries; or
- ✓ Recognizing library advocates at the local, state, or national level.

The award is presented at the NHLA annual business meeting. The award is granted on the vote of the Executive Committee based upon candidates recommended by the Awards Committee. Recommendations to the Executive Board will be made by unanimous vote of the Awards Committee.

Submit a letter of nomination and two letters of support to the Committee by the application deadline. Include in the letter of nomination a statement explaining why this individual or organization qualifies for this award. List specific activities and accomplishments. For individuals, also list memberships and offices held in professional organizations and any honors received. Submit all nominations to:

NHLA Awards Committee,  
c/o Andrea Thorpe  
Richards Free Library  
58 North Main Street  
Newport NH 03773

OR via NHSL Van Delivery to Newport



## NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor  
Reference and Information Services

Anneser, Allison and Sara Thyr. **REFINED TO REAL FOOD: MOVING YOUR FAMILY TOWARD HEALTHIER, WHOLESOME EATING**. J.N. Townsend Publishing. 2005. \$15.95  
ISBN 1880158485

"Educates the reader about shifting families toward healthier, wholesome eating by providing a game plan to get there and recipes to implement to make it happen." Anneser lives in New Hampshire.

Balint, F.A. **BRIEF MOMENTS IN A LIFETIME**. Cork Hill Press. 2004. \$13.95  
ISBN 1594082464

Travels and adventures over 50 years from Pennsylvania to Paris, and finally to Wilton, N.H.

Eslick, Tom. **MOUNTAIN PERIL** (White Mountains Mysteries). Viking Adult. 2005. \$26.95  
ISBN 0670033863

The fourth mystery about prep school science teacher Will Buchanan who must find a serial killer of female hikers. The author is a teacher at Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H.

Levine, Neil, and others. **A WORK OF ART FOR KINDRED SPIRITS: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT'S ZIMMERMAN HOUSE**. Currier Museum of Art ([www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)). 2004. \$16.95

Illustrated guide to Manchester's Wright-designed house, built in 1950, and now owned by the Currier Museum.

McWilliams, Brian S. **SPAM KINGS: THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE HIGHROLLING HUCKSTERS PUSHING PORN, PILLS, AND @\*#?% ENLARGEMENTS**. O'Reilly Media, Inc. 2004. \$22.95  
ISBN 0596007329

Exposé of those sending electronic junk mail - the "spam kings." The author lives in New Hampshire.

Meyers, Fern K. **AMERICA'S MUSICAL PIONEERS AND THE CORNISH COLONY**. Common Sense Press (order from Fern Meyers, SilverWood USA, P.O. Box 349, Etna, N.H. 03750). 2005. \$19.95  
ISBN 0966187822

Musician Meyers portrays the lives of composers and musicians at the Cornish Art Colony, known as the "Athens of America."

Meyers, Fern K. and James B. Atkinson **NEW HAMPSHIRE'S CORNISH COLONY**. Arcadia (Images of America Series). 2005. \$19.99  
ISBN 0738537535

The Cornish Colony of artists, writers, and musicians was first settled by colleagues of sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens in 1885, and flourished until 1925.

Monadnock Writers' Group. **PRIVATE PLACES: POETRY, PROSE, PICTURES**. Monadnock Writers' Group (P.O. Box 3071, Peterborough, N.H. 03458). 2004. \$5.00 plus \$4.00 S&H  
ISBN 0964500213

Works of poetry, prose and photography by 31 members of the Monadnock Writers' Group.

Monkman, Jerry. **WHITE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY TO NEW HAMPSHIRE'S MOST RUGGED PLACES**. University Press of New England. 2005. \$35.00  
ISBN 158465404X

Photographers Jerry and March Monkman of Portsmouth portray the story of the regrowth of the White Mountains after extensive logging a century ago.

Putnam, Constance E. **THE SCIENCE WE HAVE LOVED AND TAUGHT: DARTMOUTH MEDICAL SCHOOL'S FIRST TWO CENTURIES.** University Press of New England. 2004. \$35.00  
ISBN 1584653701

First full-time history of Dartmouth Medical School, the fourth-oldest medical school in the country. It was founded in 1797 in Hanover by Dr. Nathan Smith.

Ruckstuhl, Charles Emil. **ANDY AS I KNEW HIM.** Authorhouse. 2004. \$17.95 ISBN 1418426709  
Memoir of the author's stepfather, C.W. Anderson, the famous children's author and illustrator who lived in New Hampshire.

Spirito, K. **CANDY-COLORED CLOWN.** Authorhouse. 2004. \$16.95 ISBN 1418423572  
Fourth novel in the LaRosa Chronicles, the saga of an Italian-American family in New England. The author lives in New Hampshire.

Tirabassi, Maren C. and Maria I. Tirabassi. **DAYBOOK FOR NEW VOICES: A CALENDAR OF REFLECTIONS AND PRAYERS BY AND FOR YOUTH.** Pilgrim Press. 2004. \$18.00  
ISBN 0829816038

A collection of prayers, poems and reflections for every day. The authors lives in New Hampshire

Wetherell, W.D. **A CENTURY OF NOVEMBER: A NOVEL.** University of Michigan Press. 2004.  
\$24.00 ISBN 04721214431X

A Vancouver apple grower journeys to Belgium, where his son recently died in a World War I battle. Winner of Michigan Literary Fiction Award. The author lives in New Hampshire.

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### **NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY**

Bartel, Julie. *From A to zine: building a winning zine collection in your library.* Chicago : American Library Association, 2004. ISBN 0838908861

*Encyclopedia of the Library of Congress: for Congress, the nation & the world.* Washington, D.C. : Library of Congress ; Lanham, MD : Bernan Press, 2004. ISBN 0890599718

Herring, Mark Youngblood. *Raising funds with friends groups.* New York : Neal-Schuman, 2004. ISBN 1555704840

Thenell, Jan. *The library's crisis communications planner.* Chicago : American Library Association, 2004. ISBN 08308908705

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## **NEW DIRECTOR AT TUCKER FREE LIBRARY ANNOUNCED**

by Patti N. Osgood, Trustee  
Tucker Free Library, Henniker

The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library, Henniker, N.H., announce the appointment of Lynn M. Piotrowicz as Library Director.

Piotrowicz comes to the Tucker Free Library from the Meadville Public Library in Meadville, PA, where she was head of the fiction department and reference librarian. Piotrowicz holds a Masters of Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Arts from the University of New Haven in Connecticut.

"We welcome Lynn as the new Library Director. We were fortunate to have a number of very qualified applicants. Lynn's enthusiasm and love of libraries made her a clear choice," said Tucker Free Library Chairperson, Terrance Simkin.

Ms. Piotrowicz replaces outgoing Director Helga Winn. The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library appreciate Winn's direction of the Library and wish her well in her new endeavors.

"Libraries are an integral part of our communities," commented Piotrowicz. "As the director of the Tucker Free Library, I hope to continue building the collection and offering services that Henniker residents want and are proud to call their own. I am looking forward to meeting the members of the Henniker community and invite and encourage everyone to stop in and say hello."

The Tucker Free Library, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2004, continues to serve the Henniker community with a collection of 30,000+ volumes. Many periodicals, videotapes, DVDs, and audiocassettes are also available to patrons. To meet the technological needs of the community, the library is fully automated and offers Internet access. The library plans to make the online public catalog accessible from your home computer within the next few months.

A variety of children's programs, including a weekly preschool story time, after-school discussion groups, and children's summer reading programs are also offered at the Tucker Free Library to encourage young readers. For more information about the Tucker Free Library or programs offered, call the library at 428-3471.

The Trustees of the Tucker Free Library are Terrance Simkin, Wayne Colby, Janet Higginson, Patti Osgood, and Christine Putnam Anderson.

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### **OPEN POSITION**

The Frost Free Library, Marlborough, is seeking a friendly and flexible person to oversee the library on Saturdays for 4 hours a week. Library experience is preferred - a love of books is a must! Send a letter of interest by July 26<sup>th</sup>, to Frost Free Library, P.O. Box 416, Marlborough, N.H. 03455 and feel free to e-mail us at [rufus@frostfreelib.mv.com](mailto:rufus@frostfreelib.mv.com) or call (603) 876-4479 with any questions.



## **DERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS LIBRARY FUTURIST**

by Jack Robillard, Reference  
Derry Public Library

August 10, 2005 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Derry Public Library. The culminating event for the Centennial will be a program at the Adams Memorial Building Opera House at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2005. The Derry Public Library is extremely pleased to announce the keynote speaker for the Centennial program Thomas Frey, Senior Futurist and Executive Director of the DeVinci Institute. His program, entitled *The Future of Libraries - the Great Transformation* is described as:

"Their existence is being threatened by information instantly accessible from every computer in every home. But libraries won't go away. Rather, information is soon to become far more complicated as technology expands our understanding of what information is. And Public Libraries will be transitioning from a center of information into a center of culture, evolving into any entity with function and purpose that is currently unrecognizable in today's world."

The DaVinci Institute, launched in 1997 in Louisville, Colorado, as a non-profit futurist think tank, has emerged as a center of visionary thought, attracting both a national and international following. Frey has been called the "Dean of Futurists" and "The Father of Invention" by the media. Considered by his peers to be the "most creative futurist on the planet", Tom continually pushes the envelope of understanding, creating fascinating images of the world to come.

We hope that library professionals, trustees, and interested individuals from around the region will join us to hear what this noted visionary has to say about libraries in the world of tomorrow.

For further information and directions to the Adams Memorial Building Opera House in Derry, call the library at 432-6140.

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## **READS ILL WORKSHOP**

by Brian Hackert, Reference Librarian  
Peterborough Town Library

In early spring, READS held three interlibrary loan workshops called *Where there's a w-ILL, there's a way*," and the Tracy Memorial Library in New London hosted the April 1<sup>st</sup> gathering, attended by about 50 librarians.

The program followed an outline established by the READS moderators, and reflected the basic order of the ILL process, from taking patron requests to renewing ILL's. Librarians asked and answered questions among each other in a casual atmosphere, and those with experience in certain areas provided background information and advice to foster successful interlibrary loan services everywhere.

New Hampshire librarians strive toward cooperation and communication, and interlibrary loan work represents the epitome of teamwork between all our institutions. Workshop attendees congratulated READS on the ILL workshop event, and expressed interest in future READS workshops, in which the same format can be utilized and address more library issues.

Keep an eye out for our next program, and also for our first annual presentation of the newly established READS Award of Excellence. If there is a library person that you feel contributed significantly to any aspect of public service, then please send us your nomination by August 1, 2005.

READS is the Reference and Adult Services division of NHLA. To contact us via the Internet, go directly to [www.nh.gov/nhla](http://www.nh.gov/nhla) or go to the N.H. State Library homepage at [www.nh.gov/nhsl/](http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/) and select the link for "Library Associations."

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## **LILLIAN EDELMANN RECOGNIZED FOR LIBRARY ADVOCACY**

On June 24th, Lillian Edelmann, President of the N.H. Library Trustees Association and member of the N.H. State Library Advisory Council was honored by the American Library Association, being named to the National Advocacy Honor Roll by the Association and the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. Lil was the unanimous choice of the New Hampshire library community to receive this honor. Her strong voice for libraries is well known in New Hampshire, it is great to see her get the national recognition she deserves.

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## **STATE LIBRARY NEWS**

### **REFERENCE REQUESTS**

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor

The Reference and Information Services Section of the NH State Library has a staff of four professional librarians and one paraprofessional to respond to reference requests from around the state, and the world. We do receive many New Hampshire related requests from individuals and institutions from around the world. But many of our 11,000 plus reference questions each year come from libraries and individuals around New Hampshire. Our primary focus is to help the libraries around the state to fulfill the information requests of their patrons. Whether you contact us directly or refer your patrons to us, we do our best to meet your information needs. We maintain a collection of approximately a half million books (mostly nonfiction), a current and historical periodical and newspaper collection, and we subscribe to a variety of online resources to meet the information needs of our clientele. Also, we attempt to receive all published state government documents and a large variety of federal documents, and we are always working on making our collection of New Hampshire related materials as complete as possible. Feel free to contact us with your reference and information needs. We might have the answer you and your patron need. You can call us anytime we are open (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at (603) 271-2144, you may e-mail us at [nhsoref@library.state.nh.us](mailto:nhsoref@library.state.nh.us), or you can fax your request to (603) 271-2205.

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### **OPEN POSITIONS AT THE STATE LIBRARY**

Library Assistant II (lg 8) position #11423  
Program Assistant (lg 15) position #11420  
Accountant II (lg 18) position #11429  
Librarian II (lg 21) position #11403  
Librarian III (lg 25) position #11435

For further information and a description of positions please contact Kathleen Stanick at (603) 271-2400 or [kstanick@library.state.nh.us](mailto:kstanick@library.state.nh.us).

# LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

## NEWS FROM

**Concord Public Library** - This year's **Concord Reads** book is *Water Witches* by popular Vermont author Chris Bohjalian. "Set in the Vermont countryside, *Water Witches* is the tale of the clash between progress and tradition, science and magic. In the midst of a nightmarish New England drought, cynical ski industry lobbyist Scottie Winston is trying to get a large ski resort the permits it needs to tap an already beleaguered river for snow. His wife, his little girl, and his sister-in-law - dowsers or water witches - all hope to stop him, however, in this gentle, comic, life-affirming novel." (retrieved April 7, 2005 from: [www.chrisbohjalian.com](http://www.chrisbohjalian.com)). *Water Witches* offers many subjects to talk about, including dowsing, environmental issues, small town and capital city politics, and family relationships. This refreshing well-written novel should provide us with lively and interesting discussions throughout the fall.

**Concord Reads** is a program supported by the Concord Public Library and the Concord Public Library Foundation and its partners to build community by reading and discussing the same book. Copies of *Water Witches* can be found at the Concord Public Library or at your local library or bookstore. We encourage you to read *Water Witches* over the summer and to join us for program in the fall: September 28 - Robert Pingree, Concord High School English teacher (retired) and Jennifer Lee, UNH Professor of English (retired) will lead a book discussion on *Water Witches*, Concord Public Library Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. October 13, 2005 - Brown Bag Lunch in the library auditorium at 12:15 p.m. with author Chris Bohjalian "Dowsing for a Scene." Bring your lunch and questions for the author. There will also be an event with Chris Bohjalian at the Concord City Auditorium on October 13 at 7:00 p.m. A demonstration of dowsing will be held at Merrill Park in Concord at the end of September. So dive into a great book this summer - read *Water Witches*!

-submitted by Christine Wanta, Technical Services Librarian  
Concord Public Library

**Hill Library, Center Strafford** - will hold a 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of its Library Association which formed to privately build a library to house a town library. The celebration will take place August 20<sup>th</sup> at the library from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the grounds of the library. A tent will provide outside shelter and food and drink will be available at noon. Michael Sullivan from Stratham will do storytelling at 11:00 a.m. Clowns, face-painting and balloons will be included. Awards and dedications will be at 1:00 p.m. followed by bluegrass music.

Also at the library, the 1995 revised *History of Strafford* may be purchased through the Hill Library at a price of \$25.00. The revision includes additional photographs and genealogical information.

-submitted by Kenneth Barry, Director  
Hill Library, Center Strafford

**Lane Memorial Library, Hampton** - Welcomes Darrell Eifert to the position of Head of Adult Services. One of his first tasks was to write his own bio for *Granite State Libraries*. "Like many who decided to become librarians, I grew up with a voracious appetite for books. During my early teens in Clearwater, Florida, I would borrow the shoulder sling my brother used to deliver newspapers and fill it full of library books to take home and devour at my leisure. At one point, my mother resorted to a "no reading at the dinner table!" rule to insure that at least a small slice of time would be available for family interaction. After completing a bachelor's degree in English literature (what else?) and a Master's in theological studies, I spent several years

in Gloucester, MA as Head of Audio-Visual Services, then 10 years as Head of Circulation at the J.V. Fletcher Library in Westford, MA. Now that my wife and I are renovating a summer beach cottage into a full-time residence here in Hampton, I am very pleased to join the great team at Lane Memorial Library as Head of Adult Services. I look forward to meeting all those in the library community who share my passion for reading and lifelong education."

-submitted by Darrell Eifert, Adult Services  
Lane Memorial Library, Hampton

**Nashua Public Library** - Several departments at the Nashua Public Library were recently outfitted with TextNet, a new Internet-based telecommunications service for people who are TTY/TDD users. Members of the public who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech restricted may contact library departments directly using their TTY machines by dialing 888-692-1403 or, after downloading free software, from any computer with Internet access. Using TextNet from a computer is similar to using chat or instant messaging, so it's faster and easier to use than traditional TTY. The new service is more efficient and private than relay services because no third party is involved.

-submitted by Carol Eyman  
Nashua Public Library, Nashua

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### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE SPONSORED BY READS**

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## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Ann Warren**, Supervisor of the Nashua Public Library's Music, Art, and Media Department from 1982 to 2001, passed away in March 2005 after a lengthy battle with multiple sclerosis. In addition to spurring the growth of the library's collection of works by local artists, Ann oversaw the expansion of her department in the mid-1990s into its current west-wing location. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be sent to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451. Library staff and patrons mourn her loss.

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